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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Saumil N. Merchant et al.  
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Title : MIDDLE-EAR IMPLANT

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Notice of  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated November 18, 2002, finally rejecting claims 1-26.

A check in the amount of \$160 for the appeal fee is enclosed. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this notice of appeal. In particular, the Office was closed due to a snow emergency on February 18, 2003. Hence this notice of appeal is timely filed. However, to the extent additional fees are due, including fees for extension of time, please adjust our Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number "00633-025001."

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Respectfully submitted,

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